

Allies Near Road to Tunis

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Sales Tax Is Limited

Most Revenue at Lowest Rate

Yesterday's decision by the Arkansas Supreme Court holding that the State Revenue Department is prohibited from collecting the state's 2-per-cent sales tax from Memphis department stores puts a definite limitation on the sales tax as a source of additional revenue.

Hull Triumphs As Trade Plan Gets Approval

By TOM REEDY

Washington, April 27 (AP) — The House Ways and Means committee voted 14 to 11 today approval of the administration's reciprocal trade agreement program essentially as it was requested by the State Department after rejecting a series of Republican amendments.

The committee accepted one change offered by Representative Dewey (R-Ill.) that would include as a reason for suspending trade with another nation evidence that the country dealt with international cartels.

Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) said the measure, renewing for three years the State department's authority to negotiate reciprocal pacts with other nations, would be presented on the floor of the House after the tax problem has been settled.

The Democratic majority in the committee rejected amendments by Republicans which would have given congress veto power over the treaties, prevented import of products at such prices that would be lower than domestic cost of production, restricted the program to two years and have given American producers the right to appeal an agreement to the customs court if they could show they had been injured economically.

Representative Knutson (R-Minn.) offered the Republican amendments and said later that a Democratic member, Rep. West of Texas, "led the fight for them." West was represented as protesting the effect of the trade program on the Texas cattle industry.

The one adopted change was passed by Dewey who contended during committee hearings that international cartels — industrial and economic monopolies — had worked to the disadvantage of American commerce, in the rewording of the act this situation is not specifically mentioned as a reason for the president to suspend trade with a nation demonstrated to be dealing with such a cartel. Knutson had proposed that congress have 90 legislative days in which to veto a trade treaty, a suggestion that the State department strenuously opposed. He said 20 of the 30 agreements negotiated had to be submitted to the foreign legislative bodies concerned to be ratified, and added that "we feel the American people do not want the congress blacked out of future major arrangements with other countries."

The plan, conceived by Secretary Hull in 1934, permits the department to extend concessions in return for favors received. The concessions in some cases have taken the form of lower tariffs which Republicans contend have injured American business.

Nips Fear U. S. Push Through the Aleutians

By the Associated Press

The Japanese radio reported today a strong concentration of United States bomber and fighter squadrons in Alaska and the Aleutian islands, which point like stepping stones toward Tokyo.

The broadcast, heard by the Associated Press, quoted the correspondent of the newspaper as saying:

"The Japanese should not take American boasts about coming air attacks too light — heartedly, but should prepare mentally and materially to frustrate these American attempts."

The report said the Americans were "feverishly establishing large airfields" on all the Aleutian islands large enough to accommodate hangars, runways, planes, and munition dumps. The largest base was said to be on Kodiak Island where three squadrons were established.

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"Go 'way! You're making em nervous!"

RELEASE NO. 14

Guadalcanal Diary

"The sniper was on my track . . ."



"More to the right on the mortars!"



"Smoke mushroomed upward . . ."



"It was a Jap cruiser. The B-17 had scored a direct hit."

BY RICHARD TREGASKIS
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"Good thing you took that first aid course, mother, before I started going to the U. S. O. dances!"

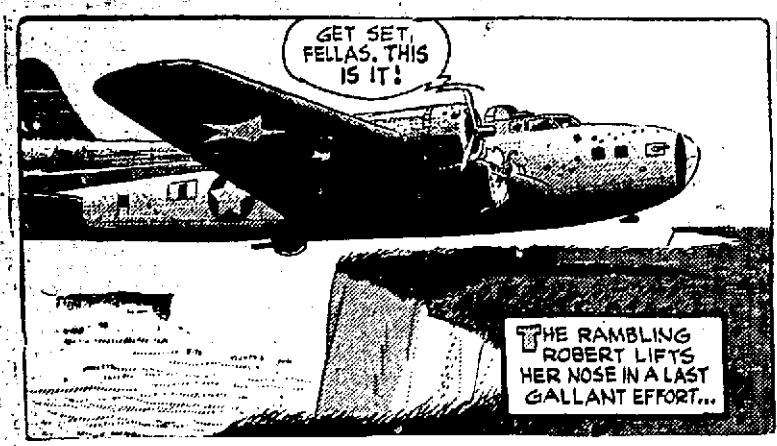
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"And this is my husband—he had a rather blank expression on our wedding day!"

OUT OUR WAY4-27
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H AND JAKE WERE THE TWO MEN =

WashTubs**Home, Sweet Home**4-27
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GET SET, FELLAS, THIS IS IT!

THE RAMBLING ROBERT LIFTS HER NOSE IN A LAST GALLANT EFFORT...

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THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF IS CLEARED BY INCHES!

STOP! STOP THIS TRAIN!

I REMEMBER HIM HE RODE THIS LINE THE LAST TIME WE WERE ROBBED!

ANOTHER HOLDUP EH? IT'S TIME IT WAS INJURY!

YOU FOOLE...

I'M NO OUTLAW—I'M TRYIN' TO PREVENT ANOTHER ATTACK! STOP!

WE'D BETTER DO AS HE SAYS! I DON'T LIKE TH BUSINESS END OF THAT PISTOL!

GOOD NOW THEN, WHEN YOU STOP... BACK UP!

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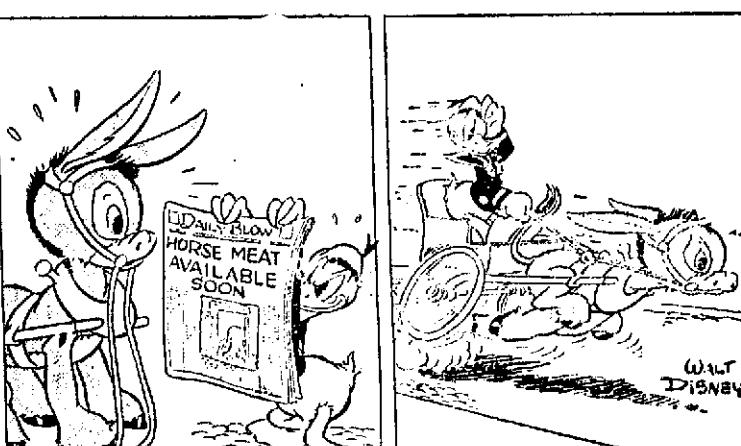
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"Courtesy of Port!"

Donald Duck**Good Horse Sense!**4-27
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HI-EXTRA!

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

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I DAD ALLOW HORSE MEAT AVAILABLE SOON

I NEVER DID FIND OUT WHAT HE WAS SELLING

THAT'S RIGHT, BUT THERE'S LIABE TO BE IF I DON'T TAKE A HAND IN THIS AFFAIR, AND QUICK!

SO Y' GOT SOME EXCITEMENT UP YOUR SLEEVE FOR ME, ERIC? END ME TO IT. THIS POTATO PLANTIN IS GETTING ME DOWN!

THERE'S WORSE THINGS THAN PLANTING POTATOES, MY BOY

MERRIE SO... BUT NOTHIN EVER HAPPENS TO ME, WHATEVER'S CALININ THIS SHADOW?

OH IT'S PROBABLY A PLANE OR MY STARS!

A PARACHUTE... AND A BIG ONE TOO!

NEXT WEE

WALT DISNEY

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He was the Pouty Type!

POPOYE

ALLEY OOP

WHAT'S COOKING?

BY V. T. HAMLIN

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Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor
Phone 708 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Social Calendar

Tuesday, April 27th
Mr. Edwin Hankins, Jr. will be witness to members of the Cosmopolitan club at her home on East Main street, 7:45 o'clock.

Wednesday, April 28th
The Friday Music club will meet at the home of Mrs. Garrett Story, 10th Street, 2 o'clock. All former members are invited to attend. Copies of "Listen to the Lamb" will be required.

Series of Parties for Methodist Church School Students

The children of the Pre-school group of the Methodist church were entertained with a series of Easter parties; the two-year group on Friday afternoon and the four-year group on Saturday afternoon.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Jim Cole and Mrs. F. L. Hair served on the committee to complete arrangements for the party. Mothers of the children hid the traditional colored eggs on the church lawn for the small guests to hunt.

After the hunt, games and fruit juice were served from low tables placed in the nursery and decorated in the Easter motif.

On Saturday afternoon the teachers in the Kindergarten department, Mrs. William Wray, leader, Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Mrs. Herbert Voss, and Miss Evelyn Brant, directed the hunting of eggs on the lawn and later served punch and cookies in the Kindergarten rooms.

The serving tables were decorated with Easter bunnies and chicks. Eggs used in the hunt were cleverly dyed shells, filled with balloons, candies, and other favors.

Iris Garden Club to Share Meeting with Texarkana Club

Members of the Iris Garden club of Hope have been invited to a special meeting of the Texarkana Iris Garden club to be held at Mrs. Albert Easley's country place, "Eastleigh" on the Mandeville road Friday, April 30, at 2:30 o'clock.

Among the hostesses for the day is Mrs. H. J. Cheser of Hope.

Members of the Hope club will be given an opportunity to view Mrs. Easley's iris, which are now in full bloom.

Birthday Party Fete

Carolyn Gaston

Monday afternoon, April 26, little Miss Carolyn Ruth Gaston celebrated her fifth birthday at the Kindergarten.

After an hour of supervised play, the little hostess invited the guests into the kindergarten room, where the tables were attractively decorated with flowered cloths in pastel shades. Individual cakes embossed in pink and blue and topped with tiny candle marked the covers of the guests.

Mrs. Paul Gaston served ice cream and cake to 20 young friends. The honoree received a number of lovely gifts.

Turner-Reid

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reid of Spring Hill announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Faye, to

PERFECT GROOMING

MOROLINE

HAIR TONIC (25)

NEW SAENGER

NOW

GINGER ROGERS CARY GRANT

"Once Upon A Honeymoon"

Starts Wednesday

ALL-AMERICAN SHOW FOR ALL-AMERICA!

VICTOR MATURE LUCILLE BALL

Seven DAYS' LEAVE

Starring MARSHALL MARY CORTES GENE SIMMS - MARTIN

RIALTO

Starts Today

Ann Sheridan Ronald Reagan

"Kings Row"

Also

Laurel and Hardy

"A Haunting We Will Go"

The first railway dining cars in the United States were operated between Philadelphia and Baltimore in 1863.

Contributors to County Red Cross Drive

Previously reported	\$11,447.01
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Lydia Howard	1.00
Rev. J. L. Cross	1.00
Mary Thompson	.10
E. J. McFadden	.10
Mrs. Mandie Parker	1.00
Mr. Marshall	.25
A. G. Phillips	1.00
Mary F. Sutton	.10
Clara R. Buchanan	.25
Margaret Hill	1.00
Mrs. Stella Smith	.25
Eddie Stewart	.05
Rev. J. T. Suttles	.50
Inez Webb	1.00
Pearl L. Frierson	.25
Gus Garlund	.50
Minnie McFadden	.25
Mrs. Retta Cox	.15
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Elder O. N. Dennis	1.00
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Fannie Witherspoon	.25
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Johnnie Holmes	.50
George Logan	.25
Lily B. Logan	.25
Emma Dunlap	.10
Mrs. Rosie Bradom	.10
Mrs. Roxie Hadley	.50
Mrs. M. Holmes	.25
Mrs. Estellar Johner	.10
G. W. Joiner	.10

HOPE STAR, HOPE, ARKANSAS

Municipal Court

City Docket

Oscar Powell, driving a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, tried, fined \$100, notice of appeal.

George Garret, running a "Stop" sign, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

Herrill McClughan, incorrect parking, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

A. D. Barrow, drunkenness, tried, found not guilty.

The following entered a plea to a charge of drunkenness and were assessed a penalty of \$10 fine:

Stephen Williams, Truman Downs, Jess Atkins, Mary Ella Green, and A. B. Jackson.

The following forfeited \$10 cash bond on a charge of drunkenness:

George Jones, Fred Guthrie, T. D. Dotson, Roy Davis, Finns Hollyfield, Henry McGill, T. D. Wren, Harmon Powell, Joe Moody, Dalton Jones, H. E. Lockard, Joe Force, Bernice Boswell and Harry Abram.

State Docket

Augusta Phillips, unlawful sale of wine, plea of guilty fined \$50.

Ode Morgan, embezzlement, dismissed.

Singleton Bryan, Jr., speeding, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

Enn Lewis, drunkenness, plea of guilty fine \$10.

Beatrice Jones, cruelty to children, tried, fined \$50 and 3 months in jail, notice of appeal, bond fixed at \$150.

Today in Congress

By The Associated Press

Senate war investigating committee hears WPB Chairman Nelson and Petroleum Administrator Ike Johnson on aviation gasoline — rubber dispute.

Library Notes

By The Associated Press

"The Human Comedy" by William Saroyan is the newest fiction top-seller on the "What America is Reading" list. Local readers will be interested in knowing that two copies are available at the Hempstead County Library.

Saroyan's first novel, "The Human Comedy" is the story of an American family in wartime, and in particular of Homer Macauley, the fastest messenger in San Joaquin valley.

With all the qualities of warmth, cheer, and humanity which have endeared Saroyan to his reading public, the book abounds in unforgettable scenes. Homer running the Two-Twenty hurdles; little Ulysses imprisoned in the bear trap in Covington's store; old-time telegraph operator Willie Grugan, with a bottle in the desk drawer to fuzz the sharp reality of the ever-flowing messages of love and hope and pain and death; Spangler, with a love for the whole world and every living thing; Homer's older brother, Marcus, singing as the troop train in which he sits hurtles away from home.

Saroyan has done many things, but he has done something which even his oldest friends scarcely dared to predict—a wartime novel of the home front which succeeds in capturing, and which nowhere oversteps, the modesty of ordinary human beings. It is a very great achievement.

SERIAL STORY

DARK JUNGLES

BY JOHN C. FLEMING & LOIS EBY

RIVALRY

CHAPTER XX

"LILA!"

Even as he shouted it, Barry had the feeling it would wake him out of a dream. But the vision remained there in the open door of his bedroom.

Allison's voice sounded at his shoulder. "How did you get here?" It was as surprised and confused as his own.

"By plane to Panama City, boat to Puerto Barrios, and mule train from there," murmured Lila.

The words released Barry from his trance. He sprang forward.

"You must be half dead!" As he crossed the room toward his fiancee he had a half-formed belief that she would faint in his arms. She did no such thing. She gave him a smile of greeting, weary but composed, and held up her face for his kiss.

Barry kissed her dazedly, then led her quickly to his one deep chair.

"Have a bed made up, will you, Allison?" He broke off as Lila's eyes followed his toward the blonde girl in chiffon and diamonds still standing in the window.

"You and Allison met on the boat the night I sailed," he reminded Lila. "Allison Topping."

"Yes, I remember," said Lila. She nodded at Allison but her voice was cryptic. "So odd," she asked innocently. She was in fresh white riding habit, her skin the color of a camellia, her dark eyes glowing with bright purpose.

"Because," said Allison bluntly as Barry seated Lila opposite her, "I wasn't able to. I wasn't able to move out of bed for a couple of days."

"Really?" murmured Lila with laughing surprise. "I didn't seem such an awful trip. I suppose I'm as strong as an ox."

She didn't look as strong as an ox. She looked slim and cool and exquisite and she knew it. Barry noted with silent amusement that Allison had angrily donned a faded red shirt with the sleeves torn off above the elbow and worn, snipped breeches.

Barry said, "We'll get you to bed like a flash. What'll you have, a hot toddy? Coffee?"

"Tea, please," murmured Lila, "if it isn't too much trouble."

Barry stared at her in amazement. "I don't see how in heaven's

name you made that trip and look the way you do!"

Allison was on her way to bring the tea. "Perhaps," there was a note of troubled curiosity in her tone, "it didn't rain when you came through."

"It rained every day," Lila assured her.

Barry's concern and admiration for his fiancee deepened as he and Allison rushed about rousing servants, having the small mule train that stood around by the front veranda unpacked and taken to the enclosure, getting her bedroom ready.

"You're thinking," Allison accused him tartly, when they had finally gotten the cheerful, uncomplaining Lila in her bed, "that she came through a whole lot better than I did."

"You're not as strong," Barry said.

Allison accepted this insult with a resigned sigh. "If I hadn't seen it, though," she brooded morosely, "I wouldn't have believed it."

THE next morning, as Allison and Barry ate their breakfast on the estancia veranda, the door opened and Lila strolled out.

Barry leaped to his feet. "Lila! You shouldn't have gotten up!"

Lila kissed him peacefully and nodded to Allison. "Why not?" she asked innocently. She was in fresh white riding habit, her skin the color of a camellia, her dark eyes glowing with bright purpose.

"Because," said Allison bluntly as Barry seated Lila opposite her, "I wasn't able to. I wasn't able to move out of bed for a couple of days."

"Really?" murmured Lila with laughing surprise. "I didn't seem such an awful trip. I suppose I'm as strong as an ox."

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The Indian woman brought Lila's coffee. She refused the hot cakes hesitatingly and begged for a thin slice of toast. The servant hurried away for it, and she reached over to slip her hand into Barry's.

"Isn't the jungle fabulous?" she laughed. "Out of this world. It's

glaring at Lila.

Allison introduced him to Lila. As the tall Spaniard bowed, they all

Finland, Poland Affairs Headache to Post-War Plans

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Post-war reconstruction in Europe seems to be heading into some dirty weather, what with Soviet Russia's severance of relations with the Polish government in exile, and the diplomatic ties between Washington and our once good friend, Finland, shivering in the balance.

Moscow charges that the Poles "to please Hitler's Iran," have been attacking the Reds of murder, 10,000 Polish officers. The Soviet says that the Germans killed these men, and declares that "this hostile Polish campaign" was undertaken to test territorial concessions from Russia.

In this Russo-Polish imbroglio we have read-made one of the knot problems of an peace conference. Actually the Finnish refusal to abandon making war on Russia is a piece off the same cloth, for here again the question of territories is the real issue.

Interested readers can at this point pin in their hats the memo that territorial adjustments are going to provide a lot of heartburnings and we'll be luck if it stops at that.

Both the Polish and the Finnish situations are kicking up a lot of feeling. In this connection the National Committee of Finnish-American Trade Unionists, claiming to represent fifteen local committees spread throughout the country, has issued a statement in Newark calling on the United States to declare war on Finland as "an enemy of America and of the United Nations." It asserts that the reduction of the American legation staff in Helsinki is "another warning that will not be heeded by the Mannerheim (Field Marshal Baron Mannerheim) government."

As a matter of fact, while no state of war exists between Finland and the United States, we are suffering — and the Allied cause is suffering — many of the damaging effects of a declared hostility. The Finns are working in full cooperation with the Huns in making war on our Russian ally.

Of course Helsinki maintains the fiction that the Finnish war is quite apart from the global conflict. This was emphasized at the time that Field Marshal Mannerheim visited Hitler at the latter's headquarters last June.

Well, you just can't split a hair which is so delicate as that one.

Mannerheim's first order of the day to his troops, as they went into battle against the Russians in June of 1941, summoned them to "a holy war against the enemy of our nation" and declared that "we set forth side by side of the mighty armed forces of Germany as their comrades in arms." If that doesn't make the Finns the Allies of the Nazis, then language has ceased to have any meaning.

Finland is said to swarm with Germans. Field Marshal Mannerheim, who is the country's greatest hero and one of the outstanding personalities of her history, certain seems friendly enough to the Axis. He has been decorated by the Germans and Italians until his bemuddled chest looks like that of a bandmaster. On the baron's seventieth birthday last June 4, Fuehrer Hitler flew clear from Germany to Helsinki to congratulate him and present him with the Golden Grand Cross of the German Eagle. The Nazi chief was accompanied by none less than Field Marshal Keitel, chief of his high command.

Taking it all in all, it looks as though little Finland has strained the bonds of friendship with the Allies pretty hard. Indications are that she will have to make a mighty quick shift in her attitude or take the consequences in the peace conference.

The Belgian Congo has an area of almost a million square miles.

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Market Report

NEW YORK STOCKS
New York, April 27 (P)—Stock market favorites managed to creep into plus territory today after the list spent most of the session loosing on a slightly lower ledge.

Bullish restraints still were discerned in the threatening coal labor situation and the latest Sovi-Polish rupture.

Prices were a bit shaky from the start but absence of any real selling pressure inspired a little late support and, near the close, the direction was no worse than moderately cloudy. Variations either way usually were in negligible fractions. The ticket tape frequently was at a standstill and transfers for the full stretch transfers to around 800,000 shares.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., April 27 (P)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 18,500; opened 15-25 later 25 - 30 lower than average Monday: sows 10-15 lower; bulls, good and choice 180-310 lbs. 14.65-75; largely 14.75 early; top 14.80; 160 - 170 lbs. 14.50-55; 14.65-13.50; x sows 14.35 - 65; steags mostly 14.50 down; few at 14.75.

Cattle, 4,000; calves, 1,300; supplies fairly liberal in steers and market opening slow; a few medium and good light weights about steady with Monday at 14.25-15.75; heifers and cows steady; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings largely 13.00-15.50; common and medium cows 11.00 - 13.00; a few 13.50; sausage bulls steady to 25 higher; top 13.75; vealers 25 higher; good and choice 15.50; medium and young 13.00 - 14.25; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00-17.25; slaughter heifers 11.00-16.50; stocker and feeder steers 11.00-13.50.

Sheep, 1,000; salable supplies include holdovers and trucked in consisting of five or decks clipped lambs and few odd lots; no early action.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, April 27 (P)—Liquidation of small lots of May wheat tended to weaken the market today but prices held within a narrow range. As the maturity date for government loans on 1942 cash wheat stored in warehouses approached, traders tended to restrict operations and little attention was paid to routine developments.

Rye and oats showed signs of strength but they were unable to get the market out of the rut of the past few days.

Wheat closed unchanged to 3-8 cents under Monday's final prices, May \$1.43 1-8-14; July \$1.43; corn was unchanged at ceilings, May \$1.05; oats were unchanged to 1-4 higher and rye advanced 3-8 to 1-2 cent.

Cash wheat: No sales. Corn: No. 2 yellow 1.07; No. 2 white 1.23 1-2.

Oats: No. 4 white 67 1-4.

Barley malting: 95-1.07 nominal.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 27 (P)—Confusion as to how the C. C. C. cotton stabilization program will operate held cotton trading to small proportions today. The underdone was steady, partly reflecting the fact open market prices on spot cotton are somewhat under C. C. C. levels.

Late afternoon values were unchanged to 50 cents a bale higher, May 20.12, July 19.96 and Oct. 19.90.

Futures closed 20 to 60 cents a bale higher. May opened, 20.14; closed, 20.14 July—opened, 20.00; closed, 20.00 Oct.—opened, 19.93; closed, 19.92n Dec.—opened, 19.90; closed, 19.87 March—opened, 19.86; closed, 19.85n Midday spot 22.00; up 15. N—Nominal.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

Chicago, April 27 (P)—Poultry live; 2 trucks; market unchanged.

One-Man Tank Buster

Charlotte, N. C.—(P)—Lloyd Zedaker was doing a welding repair job atop a 156-gallon gasoline tank.

The tank exploded. Tank and Zedaker went through the air with the greatest of ease. When they landed, the tank, crinkled like an accordion, was atop Zedaker.

They pulled Zedaker out—and found that he had suffered only two broken fingers and a bruised leg.

Tooth decay is the most common disease of mankind.

Nelson Weary of Patterson, Jeffers Fight

By JACK BELL

Washington, April 27 — (P)—Sharply critical of publicly aired "fighting" between government officials, WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson testified today he believes that not only the synthetic rubber and high octane gasoline programs can be carried out this year, but also the planned production of airplanes, escort vessels and merchant shipping.

Called before the Truman committee inquiring into a dispute involving Rubber Director Jeffers, Undersecretary of War Patterson and Petroleum Administrator Ickes, Nelson said:

"Everything that can be done to expedite construction of plants for manufacture of high octane gasoline will be done," adding:

"This can be done through co-operation, not through fighting."

Without mentioning either Patterson or Jeffers by name, the war production board chairman declared:

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Ball Attendance in Southern Loop Is Satisfactory

By PHIL CLARKE

Atlanta, April 27 — (P)—The 1943 baseball season is still romping around in knee pants down south, but Southern Association ball clubs view attendance figures for the 13 games to date as plainly satisfactory.

Despite wartime transport action problems and the knotty player-puzzles most teams are having to solve, 35,840 fans have twirled the turnstiles at four Southern ballparks. This averages around 2,500 customers per game which can be counted on as paying the freight.

The approximate attendance figures are:

Atlanta (four games) — 10,042; Birmingham (four games) — 10,042.

Little Rock (three games) — 7,000; Chattanooga (two games) — 6,092.

When the loop swings into a full round of action today, Twilight encounters are scheduled between Nashville and Atlanta and Memphis and Little Rock. Afternoon games are on tap between Chattanooga and Knoxville and New Orleans and Birmingham.

The Atlanta Crackers evened up their series with Nashville last night, staying off a ninth inning volunteer sprung to win, 8-6.

The Chattanooga Lookouts lost their regular rightfielder for about three weeks when an X-ray revealed that Dave Smith had suffered a fractured left thumb during a recent practice game. J. D. Langley, lanky freshman outfielder, will take over Smith's post.

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emy not rolling ground beyond the first time he had abandoned defensible high ground without a fight.

As in the drive last November, the Allied gain toward Tebourba, threatened to divide the Germans into two pockets around Bizerte and Tunis.

German strength is being hourly reduced and it has developed into a question of how long he can stand it," a military source said in announcing that British tanks losses had been light in the Pont Du Fahs thrust.

The Germans were still trying desperately to reinforce their bridgehead, however, and as the weather lifted the cloak of fog from the Sicilian strait the Allied air force struck a heavy blow at the supply lines.

Synthetic rubber will be a permanent postwar industry, he added.

Other overseas attacks included a raid on Augusta, Sicily, by bombers from Malta, a blockbuster assault by the RAF's Wellingtons on Decimomannu, Elmas and Villacidro airfields in Sardinia and other attacks by American Mitchells and Marauders on docks at Porto Pentece Romano in Southwest Sardinia.

Fighting bombers striking south of the island of Marettimo, west of Sicily, "blew up one motor barge, left two ships burning and one with its port stern under the water, while another vessel was seen to capsize," said an air forces statement.

Besides the Flying Fortress stroke past Rome, American Liberators plastered a quarter million pounds of bombs on Bari airdrome, an Italian port on the Adriatic; it was reported from the desert air force. In other attacks off the east coast of Greece a small vessel was sunk and two schooners set afire.

It wasn't an intentional loop, but happened while the four-engined plane was in a steep climb and a large shell exploded just beneath it, tossing it over on its back. The pilot retained control and carried it out of it in a dive that probably the ship's speed past 400 m.p.h.

The plane not only was unharmed, but flew on to its objective and dropped its bombs. After its return to base it was examined carefully from prop to rudder. No structural damage was found.

On Tenth Life

Syracuse, N. Y.—(P)—Anna Lee, 17, may be living on borrowed time from now on.

Locked in a store during a fire, she was rescued nine days after the blaze.

Altogether 11 enemy planes were shot down yesterday, compared with 11 missing Allied aircraft, the announcement said.

Accompanying the note was the \$50 and an extra dollar to repair the front door lock, which the conscience-stricken burglar had broken to gain entrance.

A Few Friends

Hus. Kas. — Miss Dorothy Pope came from Dallas, Texas to marry Aviation Cadet Charles Merritt.

Neither knew anyone here to invite

— and although they wanted to be married in a church, they didn't want it to be an empty church.

They published a newspaper invitation to anyone interested.

The church overflowed.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

Change of Heart

Frankfort, Ind.—"I thought I wanted to be a thief, but I guess I don't," said a note to a proprietor whose drug store was burglarized for \$50.

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Stephens Grand Island, Neb. From lieutenant colonel to private in a day was the experience of Lawrence Huwaldt, senior student at the University of Nebraska.

Four-Star Pitcher

Tex HUGHSON